The Holy Eucharist

Proper 24 in Ordinary Time

St. Paul's on the Green

October 18, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Prelude

Shenandoah – Trad. Arr. Jarle Storløkken

Please stand as the bell sounds.

Hymn in Procession *standing*

Hymn 372

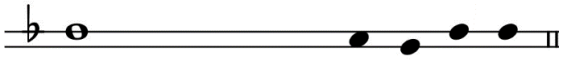


Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant intones Blessed be the God of all creation.

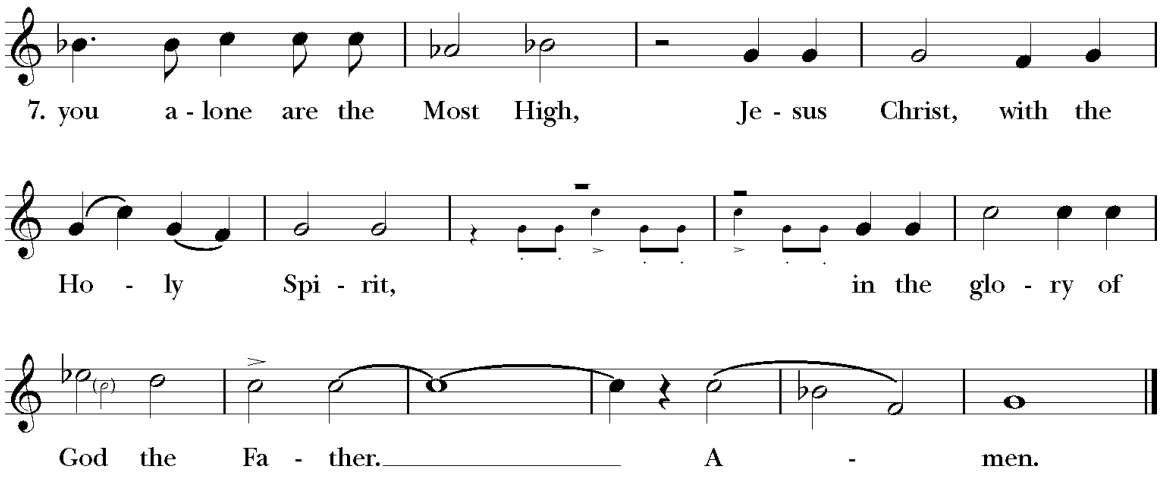
The People respond



Gloria

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Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry,
yours is the world and all it contains.
Recall us to our true allegiance,
so that above the powers and rulers of this world,
you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love.
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSON *seated* *Isaiah 45:1-7*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 96:1-4, 7-10

At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir



Sing to God | a new song; *
sing to God all | the whole earth.

Sing and bless God's | holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from | day to day.

Declare God's glory a-|mong the nations, *
God's wonders a-|mong all peoples.

For God is great and greatly | to be praised, *
more to be feared | than all gods.

Ascribe to God, you families | of the peoples, *
ascribe to God | honor and power.

Ascribe due honor to God's | holy Name; *
bring offerings and come | into God's courts.

Worship the Most High in the | beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble | before God.

Tell it out among the nations | that God reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
and will judge the | peoples with equity.

Setting: David Hurd

THE EPISTLE

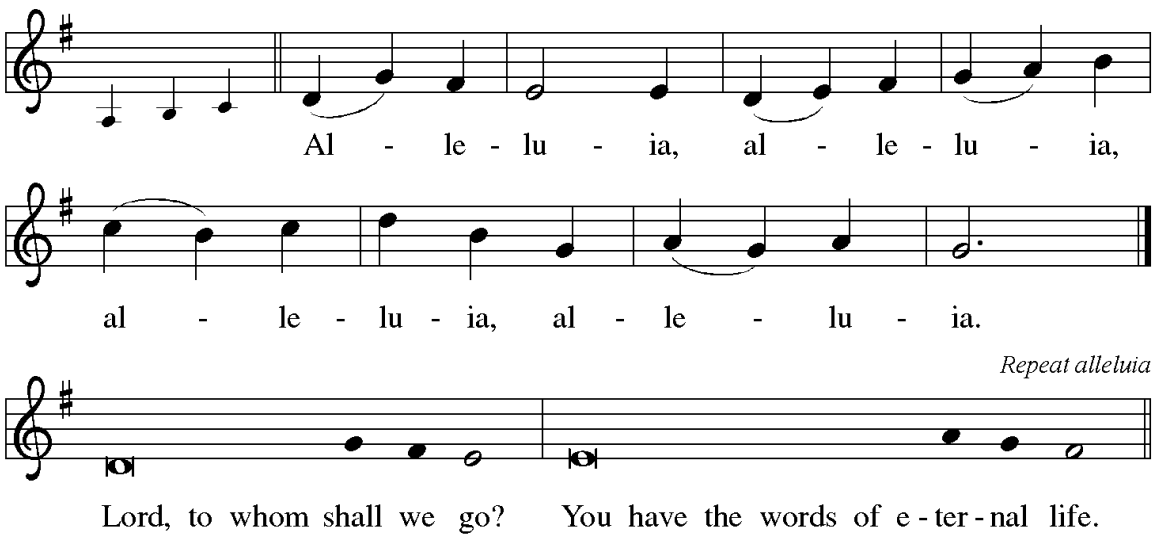
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

We know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

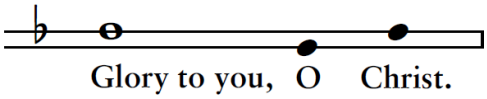
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*



ELW Setting One

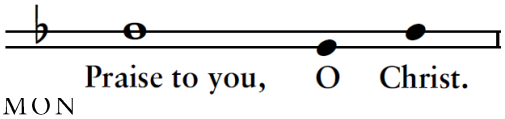
THE GOSPEL *The Deacon intones* *Matthew 22:15-22*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON *The Rev. Daniel Simons*
Rector

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith *standing*

We believe in God,
the Source of all Being,
who creates us in love
and holds us in blessing.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Incarnate Word of God,
who walked among us,
welcomed us to God's table,
gave his life for the life of the world,
and is risen in glory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires us in faith,
empowers us in hope,
and sends us into the world in love.

We believe in the life of grace,
gathered in community
and sustained through all time and for eternity.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for:

The welfare of the world and those in authority
Those who minister in Christ's name
The thanksgivings and concerns of the local community
Those who are suffering or in any trouble
Those who have died

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the world and the church, for this community, for all who suffer, and for those who have died; and let us give thanks for all we have been given.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

Members of the congregation offer the prayers, and we repeat the prayer in ***bold****, above.*
The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.

For the world, and for all who hold authority in it: that the gifts of the earth would be shared, and that all would be welcome at the table.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For all who minister in Christ's name, here and in every church: that all we give would bless others far beyond our imagining.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For the sick, the lonely, and the grieving, and for everyone carrying more than they can bear: that they would know they are not abandoned, and that we would uphold them in their need from what you have given us. *(Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.)*

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For all who have died, and for those who remember them in love. *(Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.)*

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes:

God of plenty, open our hearts ever wider to the needs of the world, and give us grace to see your provision in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

Announcements *seated*

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Music at the Offertory *sung by the Cantor & Choir*

Plenty Good Room *Arr. John Horman*

Plenty good room, plenty good room,
plenty good room in my Father's kingdom,
Plenty good room, plenty good room,
just choose your seat and sit down.

My Father says there's room enough.
There's room for me and room for you.
If you get there before I do,
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,
The pearly gates will open wide,
I'll meet you on the other side.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing* *Hymn 377*



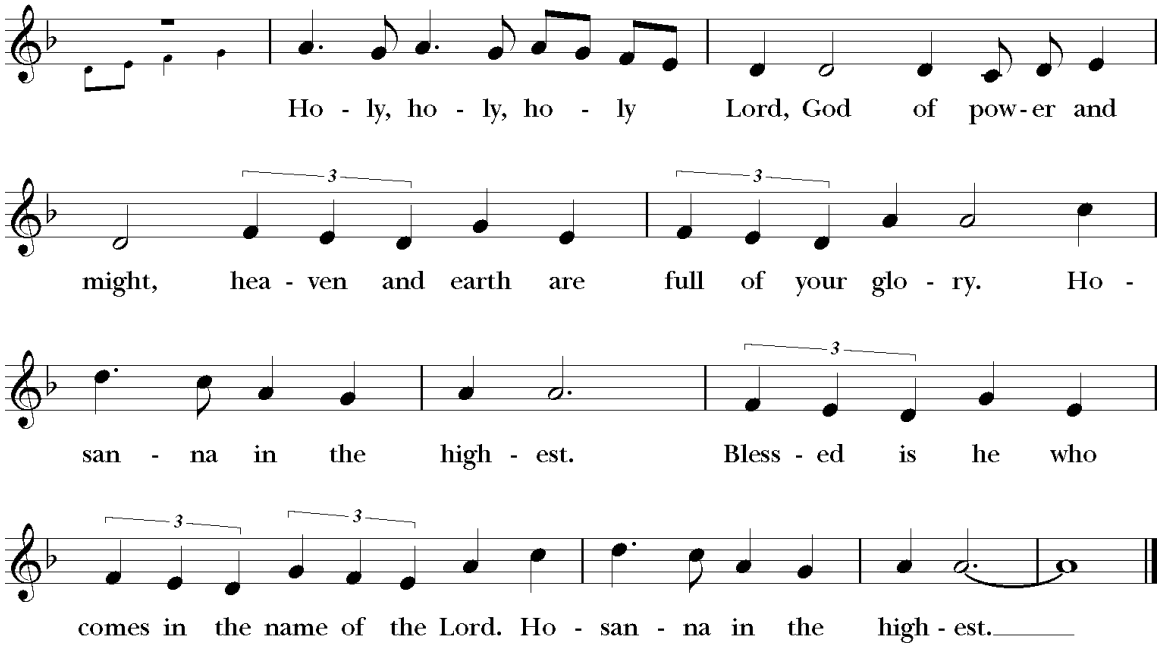
Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.
Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816)



The prayer continues until

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Source of all Being,
to give you thanks in every time and place.
You made us in your image and likeness,
and the abundance of your grace has never ceased to follow us
even when we ceased to follow you.
In the Word made flesh you came among us,
called us to your table, and loved us to the end.
Therefore, with all creation, and with the whole company of heaven,
we join the eternal song as we sing:

SANCTUS



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The prayer continues until

Holy and gracious God,
in the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, born of Mary,
to share our life, and to offer his life for the life of the world.
At table on the night before he died for us,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, and said:
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

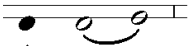
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death, his rising, and his coming again,
we offer you these gifts of your own creation,
this bread and this cup, and with them ourselves.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.
Send your Spirit upon us, that we may be Christ to others
and make room at the table for everyone you call.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, Source of all Being,
now and for ever.

The prayer continues until

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

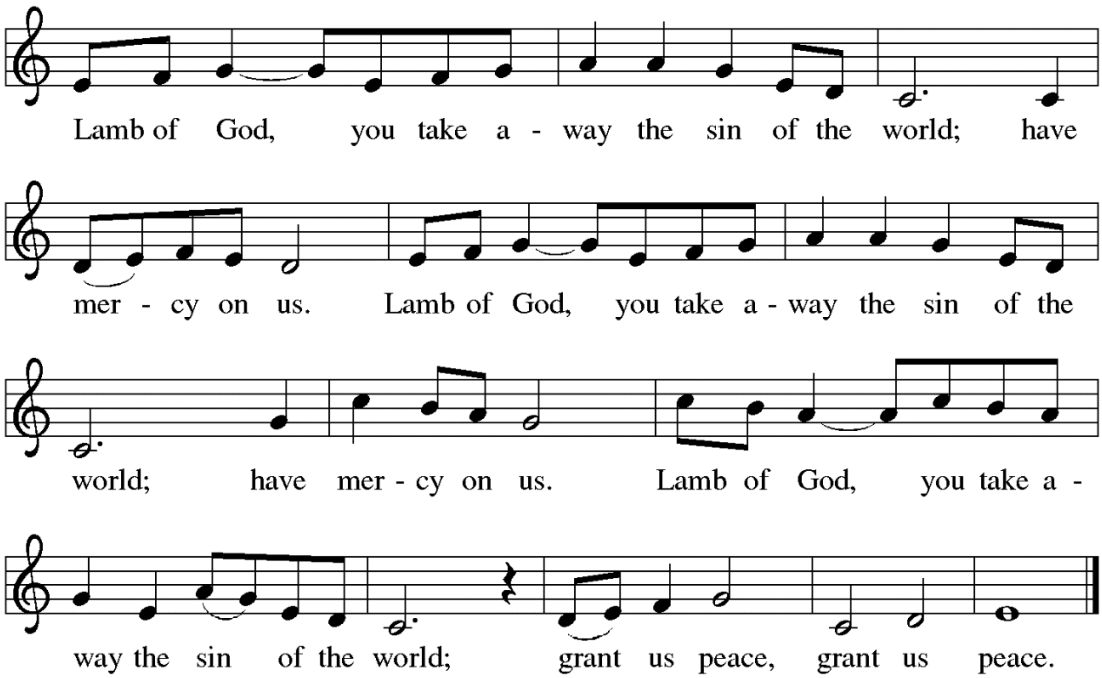
The Communion

The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

God of plenty, you have called us to your table. Gather us ever closer in your love.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Setting: *ELW Setting One S112*

Music at Communion *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

The Call from "Five Mystical Songs" *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together.

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

[Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors]

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the Celebrant sends them out:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *those* to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

The People respond

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People.

May God fill your hands and open them,
and make your hearts glad in your giving.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
Source of all Being, Word of Life, and Spirit of Grace,
be upon you and remain with you, now and always.
Amen.

FINAL HYMN *standing* *Hymn 423*



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.
Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

THE SENDING

Go forth into the world rejoicing in God's plentiful abundance.
Thanks be to God.

The feasting continues! –
in the Parish Hall with coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation.
Ask anyone around you how to get there and they will direct you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Festive Trumpet Tune* – David German (b. 1954)

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